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SUBJECT: LITHUANIAN POLICE CLOSE AN ILLEGAL CD PLANT

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¶1. On April 21, Lithuanian Police completed a long-term undercover operation by closing an illegal CD-R and DVD-R production facility in the city of Siauliai. The owner of a computer store and internet cafe also ran a small CD plant at his home and was supplying the entire Siauliai region with pirated movies, computer software, and games. The material was distributed through a well-developed network of individual resellers. During the search of the production facility, police confiscated 3,700 CDs and two PCs used for downloading material from the internet. According to police, the confiscated goods are worth 100,000 litas (about 38,500 USD) at legal prices. They have started a pretrial investigation.

¶2. COMMENT: This bust shows that Lithuanian authorities continue to take IPR protection seriously. Post will continue reporting on GOL moves to combat IPR violations.

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